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## APPLICATION

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Louisiana Office of Conservation  
P.O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Marg Tex Zone, Reservoir A  
South Lake Arthur Field  
Jefferson Davis and Vermilion Parishes, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **NOBLE ENERGY, INC.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of orders pertaining to the following matters related to the **Marg Tex Zone, Reservoir A**, in the **South Lake Arthur Field**, Jefferson Davis and Vermilion Parishes, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To establish rules and regulations and create four (4) drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed units, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To designate a unit well for each of the proposed units as may be appropriate;
4. To designate a unit operator for each of the proposed units as may be appropriate;

5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Marg Tex Zone, Reservoir A, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E;
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the Marg Tex Zone, Reservoir A, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation; and
7. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Marg Tex Zone, Reservoir A, in the South Lake Arthur Field, Jefferson Davis and Vermilion Parishes, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 13,735 feet and 17,743 feet, electrical log measurements, in the Amerada Hess Corporation - L. Schexnider Heirs No. 1 Well, located in Section 18, Township 11 South, Range 2 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and the top of the Marg Tex Zone, Reservoir A, is further defined as being encountered at a depth of 16,932 feet, electrical log measurements, in the Hunt Oil Company - C.G. Glenn No. 1 Well, located in Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

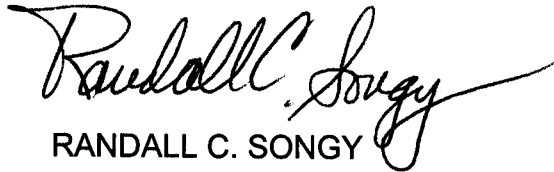
A conference to discuss the proposed application and any opposition thereto was held at 10:30 a.m., on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004, at the Onebane Law Firm, 102 Versailles Blvd., Suite 600, Lafayette, LA 70501, (337)237-2660. A list of the parties who attended the pre-application conference is attached. Randall C. Songy, attorney for the applicant, opened the conference with a brief discussion of the Rules of Procedure. Bill Robbins, geological consultant for the applicant, explained the applicant's proposal and the geological, engineering and other bases therefore, and answered questions. There were no counter plans presented. The conference was then adjourned.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, by contacting **W.H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, (337)232-5004.**

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed units and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed herein is our check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



RANDALL C. SONGY

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager  
Office of Conservation

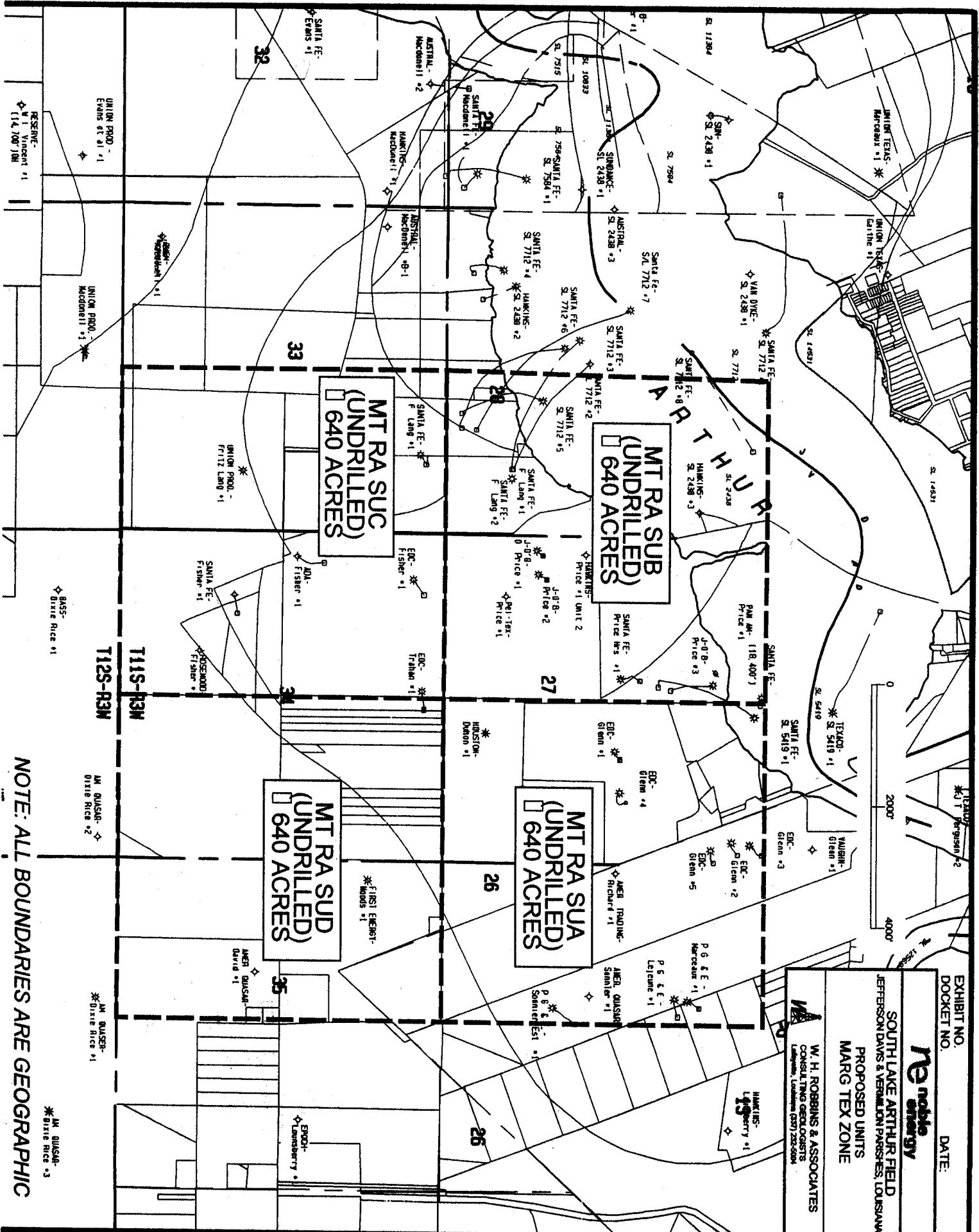
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and Represented Parties

EXHIBIT NO. DOCKET NO. DATE:

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SOUTH LAKE ARTHUR FIELD  
JEFFERSON DAVIS & VERMILION PARISHES, LOUISIANA  
PROPOSED UNITS  
MARG TEX ZONE

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NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC